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SUBJECT: UK REACTION TO JUDGE POLLACK'S CONCORDE

DECISION

REF: PARIS 24040

1. UK PRESS HAS REPORTED JUDGE POLLACK'S CONCORDE
DECISION IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND IT HAS BEEN REPORTED
R, IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE
SAME DEGREE OF ATTENTION AS REFTEL REPORTS IT HAS
RECEIVED IN FRANCE. MOST SIGNIFICANT PRESS ARTICLE TO
DATE APPEARED IN TODAY'S GUARDIAN REPORTING ON BRITISH
AIRWAYS' (BA) PLANS FOLLOWING CONCORDE DECISION.

2. GUARDIAN REPORTS BA INTENDS TO WAIT 10 DAYS TO SEE IF PORT AUTHORITY WILL SEEK AN EXPEDITED APPEAL. IF PORT AUTHORITY ADOPTS NORMAL APPEAL PROCEDURE, BA WILL GO AHEAD WITH PROVING FLIGHTS, PROBABLY ONLY 2, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 10 AND 20 AND START COMMERCIAL SERVICE, ALONGSIDE AIR FRANCE, ON SEPT. 27. IF SERVICES START THEN, INITIALLY THEY WILL ONLY BE TWICE A WEEK INSTEAD OF FOUR TIMES AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED, BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE

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OF FULLY TRAINED CONCORDE CREWS. FLIGHTS WILL LEAVE LONDON ON SUNDAYS AND TUESDAYS AND STAY OVERNIGHT IN NEW YORK.

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